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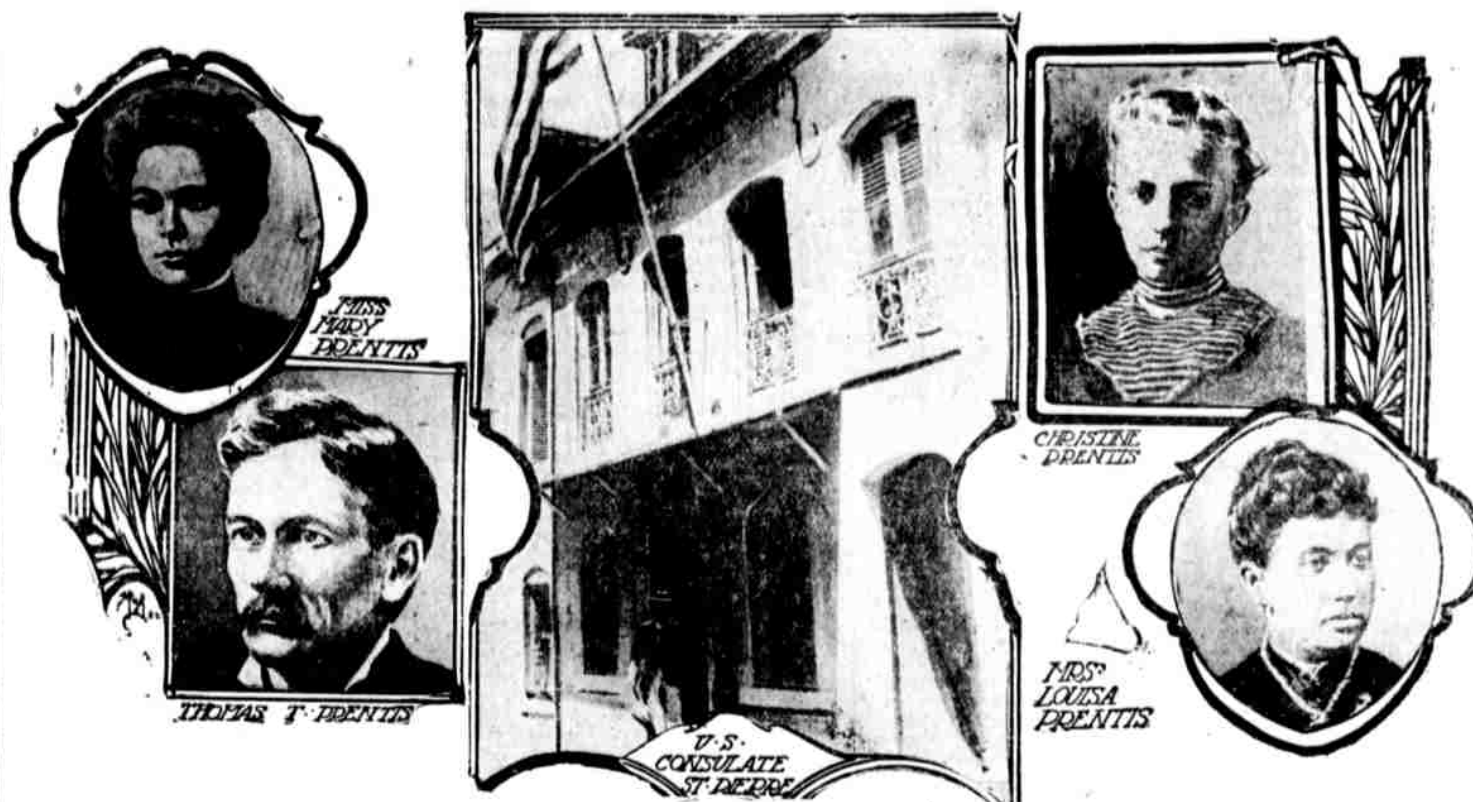
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RECOVERING BODY OF AMERICAN CONSUL



Fort de France, May 31.—The story of the recovery of United States Consul Prentiss' body is a thrilling one. The commanding officers of the United States and British cruisers had been directed to recover the bodies of their respective consuls, and for this purpose the indefatigable had steamed from Fort de France on the morning of May 19, accompanied by the Potomac, which carried two coffins and a detail from the Cincinnati. The party consisted of seven men from the Cincinnati, the hospital steward from the Potomac, and three natives, these latter being equipped with the soldering tools. The party was landed without difficulty at St. Pierre, and after leaving one coffin for the indefatigable to pick up, it proceeded with the other to where was located the ruins of the United States Consulate.

Police even then looked threatening as a leveled ridge, clouds of steam and smoke hurled here and there from its scarred and cinder laden slopes, but the men paid little heed to the mountain and set about the work which they had in hand. A charred body supposed to be that of the late Mr. Prentiss was found and placed in the zinc coffin. Hardly had the three natives sealed the coffin and the men of the navy picked it up for the march to the shore before the indefatigable's siren began to shriek warning of approaching danger. Looking toward that sound the startled bluejackets saw the cruiser swinging about and heading off shore. They saw also a white plume of steam spurting from the Potomac's steam whistle and knew by that their own vessel was also sounding danger signals.

Blacker than any thunder cloud and far more sinister, a great billow of volcanic smoke was boiling down the mountain side and was then half way to the foothills, on whose undulations the city of St. Pierre had stood. The three natives instantly took to their heels and for a brief instant the bluejackets were on the verge of panic. Two or three of the sailors instinctively let go the casket handles to start in flight for the boat, and a wild scramble for safety would have followed had it not been for the stern command of the young ensign, who ordered the men back to their places. The finely drilled crew instantly obeyed, and taking up the casket resumed their march to the shore. Then out of the dark mass behind them came the boom of heavy explosions and the gleam of flame. That seemed too much even for stout nerves, and the men involuntarily quickened their pace into a stumbling run to slow into a steady march again upon the quietly spoken order: "Ordinary time."

By heroic exertion the coffin was finally deposited on the Potomac's deck and conveyed to Fort de France, where most impressive funeral ceremonies were observed.

The bodies of Mrs. Prentiss and her daughters are yet buried beneath the rock and ashes. An attempt will be made to recover them, although the Martiniquins will allow the most of the victims to repose peacefully where they lie.

WAS LIKE BLOW-PIPE

CAME THE HOT BLAST FROM PELEE'S MOUTH

Scientists Are Enabled To Make Researches—Driven With Tornado-Like Force—Volcano On St. Vincent.

St. Pierre, Martinique, May 23, via Herald's dispatch boat M. E. Luckenback to San Juan, Porto Rico, May 27.—When the M. E. Luckenback ran into the roadstead of St. Pierre today, Mont Pelee was more violently active than on the occasion of the vessel's previous visit of the Sunday before. In the interim had occurred the second terrible blast from the cone, which the scientists now here describe as more violent than the first. That it had not caused equal, or greater, destruction was due solely to the fact that nothing remained alive within the sphere of its violence. From the new crater smoke was boiling upward today in fleecy masses to a height as great as that of the cone itself. From six to eight other points along the slope, two of them almost at the water's edge, similar masses of smoke and steam issued where new vents or crevasses were giving outlet to the seething subterranean mass. One of the most menacing of these appeared to be located directly on the site of the well-known sulphur springs of Mont Pelee, which for years has been one of the sights of the place and one of the picnic resorts of the gay residents of the city.

Beat Hasty Retreat.

So forbidding was the aspect of the volcano that a score of negro laborers, who had been towed down from Fort de France by a steam dredge and had toiled during the early hours of the morning at the task of burying the dead, had taken warning from the smoky signals shown above them, and beat a hasty retreat to their boats, had started back to Fort de France. This time a landing was effected at the extreme northern end of the ruined city. At that point a stone causeway spans a small stream, and supported by terraced masonry, runs upward along the flank of the hill on which stands the monument erected to the memory of the sailors who died in the great hurricane of 1892. This road not only affords easy access to the heart of the city, but at one point its lofty elevation, rising as it does to a height of about 200 feet above the sea, gives an unequalled birdseye view of the area of destruction.

Professor Jagger of Harvard has described the Mont Pelee eruption as being a blast of fire driven upon and across St. Pierre by a hurricane of wind, as though it were a gigantic blowpipe, such as chemists and lapidaries use in directing a powerful heat flame upon objects which they are examining, analyzing or fusing.

Tornado-Like Force.

No better evidence is found of the tornado-like force of the blast than is seen along this roadway. It is littered at every step with remnants of the tin roofs torn from the houses of St. Pierre, a mile or more away, and all rent

SURROUNDED BY LAVA

TERRIBLE FATE AWAITS MORE MARTINIQUE FAMILIES

New Outbreak of Pelee Leaves Them Stranded With Fire On All Sides—Only Miracle Will Save.

Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, May 25.—The steamer Liffeld, which arrived this morning with more fugitives from Martinique, reports that Mont Pelee is still very active. The whole top of the volcano appears to have opened for a distance of fully two miles, forming one vast crater, from which ashes and lava are pouring forth in enormous quantities. The lava is running in great streams from the top of the crater to the sea.

All the walls of buildings left standing in St. Pierre after the first eruption have been leveled by the succeeding outbursts and now lie under vast sheets of lava. The sea around the northern part of the island is black with finely powdered pumice stone and the trunks of burned trees which have been carried out to sea from the mountain.

A new crater has opened on the north side of the volcano, and from this lava pours in a broad stream down to the sea. This crater is probably the result of the terrific explosion that occurred early Tuesday morning, when the pent up forces seemed to rend the mountain from base to summit. It is now known that there has been further loss of life, and what is more distressing, a large number of persons, mostly women and children, are imprisoned by the lava streams which surround them.

It is impossible for assistance to be rendered to them by human beings, and nothing less than a miracle can save them from the awful death which confronts them. These unfortunates are at Grande Riviere. They were cut off from escape when Mont Pelee resumed its labors Monday. The lava that burst from the volcano swept away all the roads, filled the river channels so that it set the bridges afloat, carrying them upon its surface until they were consumed, and, reaching the seacoast, spread through the crevices a boiling mass so hot as to be almost incandescent.

In this way have the women and children at Riviere been surrounded. Efforts have been made to reach them, and though they can be seen pleading for deliverance, it is impossible to give them aid. Their supply of food is limited, if not wholly exhausted, and starvation, if not a more terrible fate,

CHANGE WITH THE MOON

Fort de France, Martinique, June 6, 10:15 a. m.—A volcanic outburst from Mont Pelee today resulted in the formation of a heavy cloud, similar to that of May 29 last, though it was not so dense. No stones fell and when the cloud had spread over Fort de France, half an hour later, there was no panic.

It is noted at Fort de France that the volcanic outbursts coincide with the changes of the moon.

KRUGER MAY RETURN

London, June 6.—The Birmingham Post, the organ of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, today says that owing to his age and infirmities the British Government has waived its claim for the acknowledgment by Mr. Kruger of British sovereignty over the Transvaal and has guaranteed to all the Boer delegates in Europe a safe conduct to their homes in South Africa.

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confronts them. Gradually but steadily the rivers of lava are spreading, and if the eruption increases a wave of molten material will sweep away the doomed victims.

Seine Vive has been destroyed, as has Le Carbet, where twenty soldiers perished. Many inhabitants of the village are also believed to have been lost, but it is impossible to tell the number.

In all Martinique the conditions are impossible to describe.

PHILIPPINE BILL PASSED

Washington, June 2.—Shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon the Senate passed the Lodge Philippine government bill by a vote of 48 to 30. Three Republicans—floor of Massachusetts, Mason of Illinois and Wellington of Maryland—voted against the measure, and one Democrat, McLean of South Carolina, voted for it. All amendments offered by the minority were rejected.

The debate on the bill has been in progress seven weeks, and two days. Lodge of Massachusetts, chairman of the Philippine Committee, who has been unwavering in his advocacy of the measure, was the recipient of many congratulations on his successful conduct of the bill.

Just at the close of the discussion today a sharp colloquy occurred between Deliber of Nebraska and Patterson of Colorado. In the course of which the former reflected caustically upon the Colorado Senator. He was called to order, his remarks were read and he was declared to have been out of order in uttering them. He withdrew his statement, thus ending the controversy.

During much of the time today the Senate was in recess, no Senator caring to discuss the measure.

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